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Term 2 Week 4

16 May 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17	Senior Boys Touch Team play Round 2 at Rogers Park / S2 and S3 Chess team competing at Central Coast Grammar School
Friday May 19	Walk Safely to School Day / Zone Cross Country Rogers Park
Tuesday May 23	Stage 3 Soccer Teams play at Frost Reserve Kincumber
Wednesday May 24	Y4 Cultural Continuum for participating students T2 Yarn-Up at the Ettalong foreshore
Thursday May 25	S2 Dance Group – Rehearsal at Laycock St Theatre / Woy Woy Cup for the S3 Rugby League team
Friday May 26	National Sorry Day

Hello Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already in W4 of T2! Last week we had our first visit from our newly permanently appointed Director of Education Leadership (DEL). Joanne Wilcher has joined the Brisbane Water Network of schools and is very excited to have been appointed into the role. Joanne was part of the Ponds Network in Sydney. She is looking forward to visiting our school again in the coming weeks to meet with some of our staff and students and to share in some of the initiatives that we have been making across the school.

As you can see by our calendar above, our weeks are filling quickly! Last week, our debating team argued on the topic, 'We should make the school day longer' and were the negative team. They were successful in their very close debate against Woy Woy South PS. Well done to the debaters Sam, Coby, Asher and Tyler and our support team of Isabel, Ben and Indiana. Yesterday our recorder group travelled to Salvation Army Hall in Sydney to rehearse for the upcoming Festival of Music on June 13 at the Sydney Opera House. They have been rehearsing with Mr Boutland during various recess and lunchtimes and while I may be a little biased (and VERY proud) they are sounding amazing! Mr Boutland and Rheese were thrilled with their behaviour and efforts yesterday. Congratulations to our recorder and debating superstars! Congratulations also to Ethan T who has been successful in being selected in the Sydney North Rugby Union team. Ethan was also selected in the Rugby League team last term. He has a busy few months ahead. Best wishes to our Senior Boys Touch Football team and our Chess Team who will be competing on Wednesday and to our Zone Cross Country team who will be running at Rogers Park this Friday. We hope that the sun continues to shine for all the outside activities coming up.

Last Friday was a busy day across our school as we welcomed our mums, grandmothers, nans, aunts and significant women in the lives of our students into the school. Our choir also performed to the delight of our visitors and staff. There were smiles all round! Thank you to our volunteers from across the community who contributed to the Mother's Day stall and from all reports, our families were elated at the awesome behaviour our students displayed.

Throughout the coming few weeks our students in years 4 and 6 will be completing the Check In assessments online in reading and numeracy. These assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. Each assessment consists of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions. Schools can access feedback soon after the completion of the assessment. The assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Also in the coming weeks, our students in years 4-6 will complete the Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM). These surveys are a key tool to measure student engagement and wellbeing in NSW public schools. They also help us to identify how our students are feeling about the activities that we run across our school, whether they are participating in them and about their wellbeing.



We have had a terrific response for the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) whale mascot artworks and for suggested names. Our students will be able to vote for their choices throughout this week and we are very excited about which will be their choice. Entries closed on Friday, May 12. Please see one of the entries which included a little note. We look forward to sharing the choice of our voters soon! Watch this space!

Parking around our school has again become a safety issue. Please be reminded to park with the safety of our students at the forefront of decisions and as a point of courtesy for our neighbours. There are many laneways surrounding our school and vision and access to the surrounding driveways is crucial. We have again been contacted by the rangers and concerned families as the safety of our students is our priority. Please be mindful about where you park.

Have a great week! Jodie Campbell Principal

3R's AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
1KH	Spencer F	1H	Arlo J
1T	Laytin W		Declan P
2M	Tiarnakai N	1/2A	Ariana R
2S	Billie St	2CH	Seb H
5L	Zalia G	5W	Nahlia K
	Josh M		Kai A
6K	Charles W	6H	Maya B
	Mack R		Isaac J
6J	Bastian C	K/6R	Quinten W
	Bobbi H		Dylan I

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who have been consistently demonstrating the 3Rs

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David I-O	2M	Alivia L	3O
Elizabeth P	2M	Trent B	3T
Olive A	3/4A	Addison E	6J

POSITIVE WINNER

Brylea I 6H	Playground Positive
Christian R 5W	Classroom Positive
Bodhy J 6H	Attendance Hero

Attendance Matters.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g.attending a funeral)

The following are NOT valid reasons for absences and will be marked as 'unjustified or unexplained'

- your child or a family member's birthday
- a non-urgent family event or activity
- being tired / slept in
- refusal to attend
- no clean clothes / uniforms.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



FROM THE DESKS OF OUR APC&Is

Maths Lessons at EPS

At EPS we have a strong focus on mathematics across all our classrooms and with the current curriculum reforms in NSW our staff are developing the numeracy skills of all students K-6 through using evidence-based practices from current research into the most effective teaching approaches. We do this through a connectionist approach in mathematics by linking concepts, skills and ideas across the various strands of mathematics and we build our lessons using the Launch, Explore, Summarise model.

Launch - This is the first 7-10 minutes of a lesson where we hook the students into the concept, engage their prior knowledge and get them thinking through a variety of tasks such as number talks, thinking routines, talking prompts or open-ended questioning.

Explore - In this phase of the lesson, students delve more deeply into the concept introduced during the launch phase. This could be done as a whole class, in groups, pairs or even individually and gives students an opportunity to explore & play with the concepts being taught. Here they have a chance to make mistakes, try out ideas, make predictions & solve problems through productive struggle. As students explore, the teacher engages with students to provide explicit modelling, support and clarification where needed.

Summarise - This is where connections are made from our learning. Students share and critique their thinking and ideas while engaging with their peers and teacher. Teachers model, prompt & facilitate valuable discussion to summarise the big idea or concept being developed and clarify any misconceptions & misunderstandings.

There is so much more to mathematics than simply learning equations, it is how we understand the world around us. At EPS we are committed to developing the mathematical skills & understanding of our students through not just 'learning about maths' but through 'doing maths'.

SUPPORT NEWS

K6P students enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers and grandmothers.



EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS

Kindergarten started reading decodable books in class this week, we are feeling so proud of our reading skills already. We learnt the words for, do and boy. Our artworks and writing activities were focused on the book Elmer and special surprises for the wonderful women in our lives for Mother's Day!



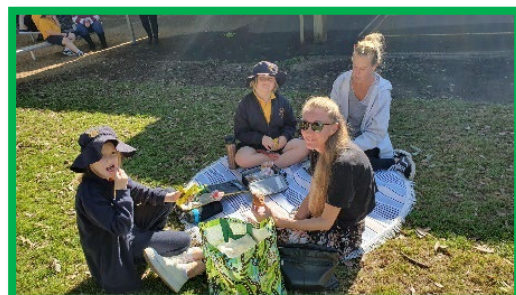
STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage 1 have been working on making repeating patterns.



STAGE TWO NEWS

Last week Stage 2 had a wonderful time creating amazing cards for our Mother's or a female role models. Students enjoyed sharing some time with their significant female role models during our Mothers' Day celebration. We also have been working hard on our athletics skills. Last week students began developing their discus and shot-put technique and have come leaps and bounds in high jump.



STAGE THREE NEWS

Kindergartens were introduced to their Year 5 buddies this week where they enjoyed getting to know each other!



P & C NEWS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 24 May
Time: 7:15pm
Venue: School Office

Everyone Welcome!!

Agenda, minutes and reports
have been emailed out to
members.

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Mother's Day Stall
THANK YOU!

Simone Rider for organising and leading
the entire event, Lisa Ringland for
providing those lovely plants and all of
the **volunteers** who came and helped on
the day.